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LETTER DATED 29 MARCH 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In its brutal aggression against my country, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is increasingly targeting towns and cities, wreaking destruction primarily on civilians, which takes a heavy toll in human lives. The devastation caused by the NATO air strikes on targets throughout Yugoslavia have caused the largest humanitarian disaster in Europe since the Second World War. Forbidden "cluster" bombs, declared inhuman, have been used in NATO attacks. Hospitals, schools, factories, refugee accommodation centres, private houses and farms, food depots, landmarks of priceless cultural and spiritual value, industrial facilities, and public utility services, such as water supply systems, power plants and Post, Telephone and Telegraph communication centres, have been destroyed or severely damaged.

A list of a number of facilities destroyed or damaged in the air strikes is provided below:

(a) Chemicals storehouse near Belgrade, releasing toxic substances into the air;

(b) Four schools and children's playgrounds in the Belgrade borough of Rakovica;

(c) Camp housing Serbian refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia at Kursumlija; 11 people have been killed, 24 wounded;

(d) Camp housing Serbian refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia near Novi Sad. The number of casualties unknown;

(e) Water supply system and two school buildings in the Belgrade borough of Rakovica;

(f) School and College of Agriculture, shock absorber plant, College of Mechanical Engineering, plastics factory, weather station, water reservoir and a large number of private homes in Pristina;

(g) "Utva" civilian aircraft factory, School of Agriculture, "Minel" Company facilities, shops and private houses in Pancevo;

(h) Collective farm at Mijakovci;

(i) Old part of the town of Djakovica;

(j) Hospital, theatre, museum, sports arena and a few schools in Leskovac;

(k) A large number of private homes in the area of Nis, Prizren and Prokuplje;

(l) Transport company "Kosmet prevoz" in Gnjilane;

(m) Mt. Bukulja television communication centre;

(n) Car factory in Kragujevac;

(o) A facility of the Interior Ministry of the Republic of Serbia in Kula;

(p) Monasteries at Cetinje, the village of Lukare and the Belgrade borough of Rakovica;

(q) Twelfth-century monastery of Gracanica, under the protection of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council and use your influence to forestall serious humanitarian consequences of the aggression.

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